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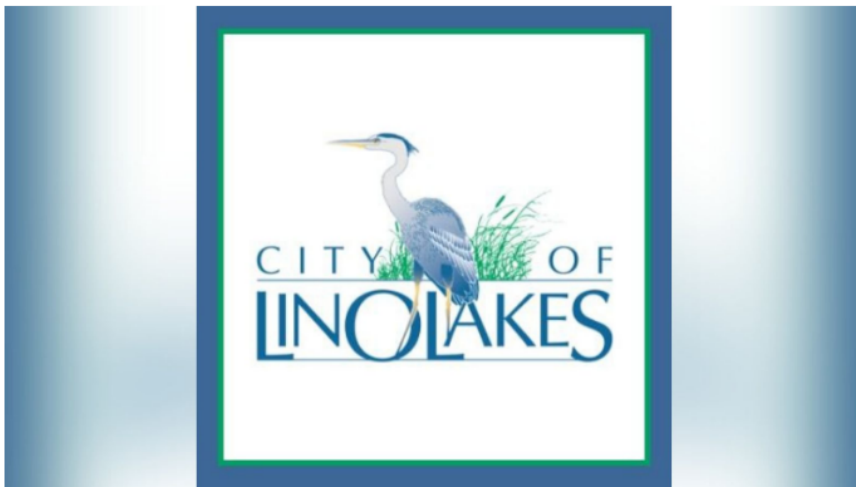


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CAIR-MN Calls for Resignation of Lino Lakes City Council Member Who Said Hate-Filled, Anti-Muslim Email is 'Best I have Ever Received'



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The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN), a chapter of the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today called for the resignation of Lino Lakes City Council Member Christopher Lyden for writing that a hate-filled, anti-Muslim email was the "best [he] ever received."

[NOTE: CAIR-MN recently condemned a vote by the Lino Lakes City Council to halt progress on the Madinah Lakes project designed to provide much-needed facilities for the community, including a mosque, houses and commercial beneficals to the Lino Lakes community.]

In response to an [New York Times](#) article on the [Madinah Lakes](#) development project, an individual sent a hate-filled, anti-Muslim email to the reporter, Lyden, and CAIR National and CAIR-MN staff.

In the email, the individual said, "Islam hates us," "Islam's our declared enemy," "don't believe the lying Muslims," and referred to the Quran, Islam's revealed text, as "hate speech against Jews and Christians." He also wished Lyden "good luck halting the Muslim conquest of Minnesota" and asked him to put "the kibosh on the Muslim development."

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